

Appendix A

Notice of Intent

between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard/envelope.

Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including, but not limited to: (1) the necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FHWA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB renewal of this information collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mohan Pillay, Office of Engineering, (202) 366-4655, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Emergency Relief Funding Applications.

OMB Number: 2125-0525.

Background: 23 U.S.C. 125 requires States to submit an application for emergency relief (ER) funds to the Federal Highway Administration. The ER funds are established for the repair or reconstruction of Federal-aid highways and Federal roads which are found to have suffered serious damage by natural disasters over a wide area or serious damage from catastrophic failures. The information is needed for the FHWA to fulfill its statutory obligations regarding funding determinations on emergency work to repair highway facilities. The requirements covering the FHWA ER program are contained in 23 CFR part 668.

Respondents: State Highway Agencies.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: The amount of time required depends on the nature of the event, the extent of damage, among other things, and varies widely among applications by the same State and among States. On the average, it is estimated to require approximately 150 hours of professional staff time (engineering) plus 50 hours of secretarial staff time (typing and editing) for a total of 200 hours per application. The estimated average annual burden

for all respondents per year would be 7,200 hours (i.e., 36 applications times 200 hours per application).

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 125; 23 CFR 658.

Issued on: November 18, 1997.

Diana Zeldet,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

**Environmental Impact Statement;
Henderson and Warren Counties,
Illinois**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for the construction of U.S. Route 34 as a four-lane highway. The proposed project will extend from east of the Village of Gulfport in Henderson County, Illinois to the vicinity of Monmouth in Warren County, Illinois.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dennis Johnson, Environmental Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 3250 Executive Park Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, Phone: (217) 492-4600.

Dale E. Risinger, District Engineer, Illinois Department of Transportation, 401 Main Street, Peoria, Illinois 61602-1111, Phone: (309) 671-3333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action is the construction of a four-lane divided highway in Henderson and Warren Counties, Illinois which will be approximately 47 km (29 miles) in length. The project will begin just east of Gulfport, Illinois extending east through a corridor in the vicinity of U.S. Route 34, ending east of Monmouth, Illinois. The proposed project may bypass communities within its limits.

The proposed action will enhance traffic access, improve traffic circulation, provide safer and more efficient access to the urban area, provide a divided highway design for high operating speeds and continuity from the Illinois/Iowa border to I-74 in Galesburg, Illinois. Primary environmental resources which may be impacted are local property tax income, agricultural land and wetlands. Alternatives under consideration include: (1) Taking no action or (2)

improvement of the existing two-lane roadway to a four-lane facility between Gulfport and U.S. Route 67 including improvement of the existing northwest bypass around Monmouth. Several proposed alignment alternatives will be evaluated.

The scoping process undertaken as part of this proposed project will include distribution of a scoping information packet, coordination with appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and review sessions as needed. A formal scoping information packet may be obtained from one to the contact persons listed above.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, a comprehensive public involvement program will be undertaken. A public meeting concerning the proposed action will be held in the study area prior to the public hearing. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meeting and hearing. The Draft EIS will be available for public agency review and comment and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA or Illinois Department of Transportation contact persons.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205 Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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Dennis Johnson,

Environmental Engineer, Springfield.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. FHWA-97-2320; FHWA-96-46]

Achieving Interoperability in Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) With Dedicated Short Range Communications (DSRC)

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Supplemental notice; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The FHWA published a notice in the Federal Register on January 6, 1997 (62 FR 791), in which the agency requested comments on three items of concern relating to the